

**CHAPTER NO. 511
SENATE BILL NO. 2371**

By Miller

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2477

By Patton

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 15, relative to sale of tobacco to minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1503, is amended by adding the following as subdivision (1) and redesignating the remaining subdivisions appropriately:

(1) "Beedies" or "Bidis" means a product containing tobacco that is wrapped in temburni leaf (*dispyros melanoxylon*) or tendu leaf (*diospyros exculpra*), or any other product that is offered to, or purchased by, consumers as beedies or bidis. For purposes of this chapter, beedies or bidis shall be considered a tobacco product;


SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1503(8), is amended by deleting the punctuation "." at the end of the subdivision and adding the following instead:

, including, but not limited to cigars, cigarettes and bidis.

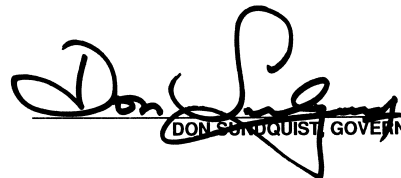
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 14, 2002


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of March 2002


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR